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TEXTILE WORKERS REHABILITATION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to enhance the coverage of Textile Workers` Rehabilitation Scheme (TWRS);

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith number of textile workers likely to be benefited from the scheme; and

(c) the steps taken to resolve other long pending demands of textile industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) : Government has decided to enhance the eligible wage ceiling from Rs. 2500/- per month to Rs. 3500/- per month under the Textile Workers` Rehabilitation Fund Scheme (TWRFS).The enhanced ceiling would be applicable to all eligible textile units which are closed on or after 5th Feburary,2002.

(c) : The fresh steps taken to resolve other long pending demands of textile industry are as under:

(i) National Textile Policy - 2000 - Government announced the National Textile Policy - 2000 (NTxP - 2000) in order to facilitate the textile industry to attain and sustain a pre-eminent global standing in the manufacture and export of clothing.

(ii) Technology Mission on Cotton - To improve the availability of quality cotton at reasonable prices, the Government has launched Technology Mission on Cotton during 1999-2000, which has 4 mini missions which are expected to bring about all round improvement in the production, productivity & quality of cotton through research, transfer of technology and improvement in the marketing and raw cotton processing sectors.

(iii) Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme - Since April 1, 1999, for five yearsGovernment has launched a Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for the textile and jute industries. The scheme seeks to reduce cost of capital by reimbursementof 5 percentage points on interest availed for modernisation needs of the textile and jute industries. The Government has now decided to provide, with immediate effect, an option to this Small Scale Textile and Jute Industries to avail 12% upfront Credit Linked Capital Subsidy or the existing 5% interest reimbursement.

(iv) The Government has de-reserved the woven segment of readymade garment from the SSI Sector.It has also announced the de-reservation of knitted segment in the Budget 2002-03.

(v) Weaving, processing and garment machinery, which are covered under TUFS, have been extended the facility of accelerated depreciation at the rate of 50%.

(vi) National Institute for Fashion Technology (NIFT), its six branches and Apparel Training & Design Centres (ATDCs) are running various courses / programmes to meet the skilled manpower requirements of the textile industry.

(vii) The import of a large number of garment machinery has been allowed under concessional customs duty.